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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The recent antitrust lawsuit against Microsoft has gone on for too long. It is time to accept the terms of the settlement and finally close this case.

Microsoft is a leading innovator of technology and should be applauded for all it has done. The terms of settlement seem to be a slap in the face. They require Microsoft to disclose internal interfaces and protocols for use by competitors. The terms also call for Microsoft to design future versions of Windows so that competitors can more easily promote their own products. I do not think the settlement represents the best interest of a free market economy, but I do think it represents the best interests of the public.

Microsoft has agreed to the terms of the settlement so that the case can finally be closed. I support this settlement as agreed and I hope the opposition is quelled.

Sincerely,
Ric Emery